Important places of Touriat attraction in U.P. and Uttaranchal

2756. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN:

PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the important places of tourist attractions in the States of U.P. and Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Government have any plan to improve the tourist places in these two States;

(c) if so, the district-wise details thereof;

(d) the comprehensive package drawn for Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(e) whether Government have released any fund for the State of Uttaranchal to improve the tourist places if so, by when and if not, whether Government have any plan to release in future?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Some of the important places of tourist attractions in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal are given below:—

Uttar Pradesh:

Agar, Allahabad, Fatehpur Sikri, Kanpur, Lucknow, Mathura, Sarnath, Sikandra, Varanasi.

Uttaranchal:

Almora, Auli, Badrinath, Dehradun, Gangotri, Haridwar, Kedarnath, Mussoorie, Nainital, Rishikesh, Ranikhet, Yamunotri.

(b) to (d) Department of Tourism has formulated a scheme of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits and Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development for the 10th Plan period. Under these schemes places of tourist attraction are developed in consultation with concerned State Governments. Besides, the Department of Tourism got the 20 year Perspective Plan prepared through

Consultants for the development of tourism in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal.

(e) During the year 2002-03, the Department of Tourism has sanctioned 2 tourism infrastructure projects amounting to Rs. 504.00 lakhs for the State of Uttaranchal.

Role of private sector in development of Adventure Tourism

2757. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of adventure tourism in the country;

(b) the locations identified for the growth of such tourism in the country; and

(c) the role of the private sector in the development of adventure tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Adventure Tourism encompasses activities that include terrestrial, aero and aqua adventure sports tourism. To accelerate the development of Adventure tourism in the country, Central Financial Assistance is given to the States/UTs to enable them to put up infrastructural facilities and procurement of equipment for activities such as Trekking, Rock climbing, Mountaineering, Ice-skiing, Heli-skiing, Water Sports, Ballooning, Aero sports, Wild Life viewing facilities, development of Inland water ways and Cruise Tourism.

(b) Most of the States have identified locations for development of Adventure tourism depending upon their natural wealth. The Himalayan States, Coastal areas, Hilly areas, Deserts of Rajasthan, Desert of Ladakh, National Parks and Sanctuaries are some of the potential areas for development of Adventure tourism.

(c) The New National Tourism Policy acknowledges the critical role of the private sector with Government, working as a pro-active facilitator and catalyst for development of tourism including adventure tourism.